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1. A control system for enabling a controller to control an appliance on a control network, the system comprising a module for interfacing the appliance to the network, wherein the module obtains identity information from the appliance through coupling with the appliance for enabling the controller to selectively control the appliance through the module.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the appliance has an identifier element for being read by the module when coupled with the appliance for assuming the identity.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein the identifier element couples in a contactless manner with the module.
4. The system of claim 2, wherein:
 - the control network comprises a power line network;
 - the appliance has a connector for connecting to the power line network;
 - the connector accommodates the identifier element; and
 - the module connects the appliance to the power line network.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the appliance is rendered controllable through a module identifier of the module and through the identity information from the appliance and assumed by the module.
6. The system of claim 5, wherein the appliance is rendered controllable through information about a location of the module on the network.
7. For use in a control system for enabling a controller to control an appliance on a control network, a module for interfacing the appliance to the network, the module adopting identity information from the appliance through coupling with the appliance for enabling the controller to selectively control the appliance through the module.
8. The module of claim 7, comprising a reader for reading the identity information from an

identifier element of the appliance.

9. The module of claim 7, wherein the module receives the identity information in a contactless manner from the appliance.

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10. The module of claim 7, for interfacing the appliance to a power line network.

11. The module of claim 7, having a module identifier for identifying the module for enabling to control the appliance under combined control of the identity information and the module identifier.

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12. The module of claim 11, having a storage element for storing information about a location of the module on the network.

13. An appliance having a component for storing identity information for being read by a module when coupled to the appliance for enabling to selectively control the appliance through the module.

14. The appliance of claim 13, wherein the component allows for contactless reading of the identity information by the module.

15. The appliance of claim 13, wherein the component is accommodated in a power plug.

16. For use with an appliance, a component being programmable with identity information of the appliance for enabling supply of the identity information for control of the appliance.

17. A method of providing a service to an end-user of an appliance, the method comprising providing identity information of the appliance for being programmed into a module for interfacing the appliance to a control network.